IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

1. (original) A method for the electrically conductive connection of at least two wires provided with a insulating lacquer (lacquered wires), characterized in that the lacquered wires are at least partially enclosed, at their regions (22, 24, 26, 32, 36) which are to be connected, by an electrically conductive material, that by the ultrasound effect, on one hand, the insulating lacquer of the wires is broken away and, on the other hand, a fixed connection occurs between the electrically conductive material and the wires, with simultaneous electrically conductive connection between them.

2. (original) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that a plurality of lacquered wires (46, 48, 52, 54, 56) and at least one uninsulated conductor (64), such as stranded wire, are partially enclosed by the material.

3. (previously presented) A method according claim 1, characterized in that as the electrically conductive material, one in the form of a sleeve or a cup is employed.

4. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that an inherently rigid material is employed as the electrically conductive material.

5. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that a flexible material, such as mesh, is employed as the electrically conductive material.

6. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the material is <u>at least peripherally and at least partially</u> connected in ~~a shape defining manner~~ <u>form-fittingly</u> with at least two, preferably more, lacquered wires.

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7. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the wires connected to the material and to one another in an at least shape defining manner are connected as a unit to an electrical conductor, such as a carrier (38), by means of ultrasound welding.

8. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that as the lacquered wire, one comprising a conductor of aluminum and/or copper is employed.

9. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that as the electrically conductive material, one of or containing copper is employed.

10. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that for applying the ultrasound, one or more work tools of an ultrasound welding machine are employed.

11. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that a sheet metal strip is employed as the electrically conductive material at least partially surrounding the lacquered wires (46, 48, 52, 54, 56) and any other conductor present.

12. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that a sheet metal strip formed as a crimp (44) is employed.

13. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that a single ply or multiple ply strip material is wound around the lacquered wires as the electrically conductive material.

14. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that as the electrically conductive material surrounding the lacquered wires and any further electrical conductor present, a preformed open receptacle (58, 60, 62), in particular with a U-, circularly or trapezoidally-shaped cross-section, is employed.

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